

**Highway News**

**Notes on California Roads Furnished by National Auto Club**

The National Old Trails road between Helendale and Daggett is now being oiled and motorists are requested by the State Highway Commission to co-operate by following instructions on signs and driving slowly over this portion. The approach to the Daggett bridge is still in very poor condition and travel to Las Vegas, Nev., and Salt Lake City still detours at Barstow over the Barstow bridge to Yermo, etc.

The following report of road conditions from Fresno to General Grant Park via Centerville, Dunlap and Pinehurst is supplied by the touring department of the National Automobile Club. Paved for first 12 miles, thence improved road to Dunlap, dirt mountain road to Pinehurst and Big Stump, one and one-half miles from the park. Road closed to motorists above Big Stump. Good to Pinehurst, fair to Mill Creek, poor from Mill Creek to Big Stump.

Wild flowers in the Bakersfield

district are now best in the region of Grape Vine. The flowers at this particular spot are lupins and Indian paint brushes. The poppies are not so plentiful now except on the mountain at Wheeler Ridge. Here they can be seen in beautiful effect from the highway, and one mountain in particular is a flame of color. East of Edison a fine distance one will find spots of beautiful flowers, and toward Tejon Ranch the flowers are still plentiful. Route to this ranch is via Arvin, turning south at that point.

Rainbow Bridge, the scenic wonder of southern Utah, located near the Arizona border, will be the scene for many adventurous motor vacationists this year. Motorists from the Pacific coast will find the best route to this arch of gigantic proportions, carved from sandstone by erosion, to lie over the National Old Trails highway, now in good condition, to either Williams or Maine Station, thence to the awe-inspiring Grand Canyon, and eastward through Cameron and on up to Rainbow Lodge. From the lodge the arch is reached by a 15-mile horseback trip. The route is replete with fascinating sights. First the unique trading post at Cameron is visited, then the route lies through the famous Painted Desert with its queer rock formations, known as "petrified pumpkins," and colorful rocks and

sandstone. The road then lies through Moencop, a village of the Hopi Indians, who are known as the "Peaceful People of the Desert." Their gardens and fields located among the sand dunes attest their skill in agriculture. A few miles farther on, at Tuba City, is located the Western Navajo Indian Agency, where the United States government maintains a school for the education of the Indians. Leaving this point the road winds through stretches of sand and valley to another Indian trading post, Red Lake. A couple of miles out of Red Lake are located the unique Elephant Foot Rocks, and shortly beyond that point the new Rainbow Trail begins, a 60-mile stretch of road which was surveyed by the Indians, using their own peculiar engineering methods. Twenty-five miles beyond Red Lake and seven miles to the left from the main road are located the Inscription House Ruins, consisting of about 14 rooms, one-quarter of which are in fair to good condition. There is no record of any white man having visited the Rainbow Bridge previous to 1909, when a Pahute named Noscha Bigay led a small band of explorers over the slippery rocks and canyons without trails to this masterpiece of rock formation. Composed of red sandstone of various shades, set in a canyon whose walls are of tan, brown and gray

Woodlake and Three Rivers. State highway is gravelled to park entrance, six miles. The General's highway is double width and in excellent condition to Hospital Rock, and in fair condition to the Giant Forest Trail, two and one-half miles from Giant Forest. The wild flower display is gorgeous at this time. The Giant Forest lodge and housekeeping camps are closed at this time, but will open about May 20. Meanwhile motorists with their own camping equipment may use Hospital Rock camp, 2600 feet, Potwisha camp, 2000 feet, or Ash Mountain, 1700 feet. These are foothill camps accessible all year by fine roads. The road is rapidly being repaired and improved, and unless further heavy storms occur motorists will be able to drive to Giant Forest by the first week in May. Mineral King road from Three Rivers, by state highway to Hammond, three and one-half miles, is also open and can be used by motorists who do not desire to use the new road. Paving is completed to the watering trough from the Fillmore side, and all culverts are installed.

The following report of present road conditions to Sequoia National Park is supplied by the touring department of the National Automobile Club: Visalia to Three Rivers, and Sequoia National Park, 37 miles; to Giant Forest, 53 miles. Paved via either Lemon Cove or

Palm Springs has been eliminated, as the bridge damaged by recent storms is now in use. The road from Palm Springs to Indio is in poor condition since the recent rains.

The Coast highway from Carpinteria to Summerland is very rough, but passable, at the present time. The highway is being paved from present end of pavement to new city limits of Santa Barbara, one mile. Motorists should detour via the Modoc road.

**DR. BRUCE RETURNS**

Dr. W. H. Bruce announces the opening of offices for the practice of osteopathy in the Castle Apartments on April 21. Phone 128. -Adv.

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"The 'West Coast,'" Overman said, "going into service April 17, will bring Seattle nine and three-quarters hours nearer to Southern California and will operate over the new Cascade line through the scenic Cascade Mountains to eastern Oregon."

The new train is scheduled to leave Los Angeles daily at 6:05 p. m., arriving Portland 9:25 a. m. the second day. Through Pullman cars to Seattle will reach that city at 7:15 p. m. the second day.

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